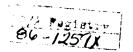
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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDS&T

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FROM:

Dave Gries

SUBJECT:

23 July SSCI Hearing on Personnel

As you probably know, John Despres heads up an SSCI team in support of these hearings. Other members are Charlie Battaglia, John Nelson, Natalie Bocock, Larry Kettlewell, Merrill Kelly and Gary Moore. We assume they were selected because collectively they have worked in all the Directorates at CIA.

During pre-hearing staff briefings, team members noted their intention to establish contact direct with employees with whom they maintain personal relationships. Their purpose is to collect nuts and bolts information concerning personnel issues.

It goes without saying that we oppose this. Agency employees are not authorized to discuss substantive issues with Congressional staff without your approval and OCA's knowledge. Social contacts, of course, are another matter.

In these circumstances, it might be useful to remind your employees of these points. The SSCI is aware of our opposition to direct contact and has been specifically reminded of it in connection with this hearing. However, it is up to the Agency to assure compliance.

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